

## A Surgical Instrument

### Abstract

A rotary tissue-cutting instrument forming a laryngeal blade (3) includes an outer  
5 tubular member (14) having a hub (4), a proximal portion (150) having a longitudinal  
axis and extending distally from said hub to a proximal bend (151) curving in a first  
direction. An intermediate portion (152) extends distally at an angle to the longitudinal  
axis of said proximal portion (150) in a first plane. The intermediate section extends  
from the proximal bend (151) to a distal bend (153) curving in a second direction, and a  
10 distal portion (154) extends distally from the distal bend (153) in a second plane. The  
distal portion (154) extends to a distal end having an opening (16) therein. An inner  
member (15) is rotatably disposed in the outer tubular member (14) and has a proximal  
end for mounting to a powered handpiece and a distal cutting tip (17) disposed adjacent  
the opening (16), the inner member being flexible adjacent said distal and proximal  
15 bends.